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H. J. RES. 314

Designating the week beginning October 2, 1994, as “Chemical Dependency Nurses Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREENWOOD introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning October 2, 1994, as
“Chemical Dependency Nurses Week”.

Whereas reform of the health care system is in the forefront of current policy debates, and health care providers are a vital component of the Nation’s health care system;

Whereas alcoholism is the 3rd leading cause of death in the United States, after heart disease and cancer;

Whereas the Drug Abuse Warning Network reports that drug-related hospital emergency room visits increased by 10 percent nationwide between 1991 and 1992;

Whereas specific skills in the identification, treatment, and follow-up care of chemically dependent individuals are vital in planning and providing high quality health care for chemically dependent individuals;

Whereas certification in the specialty of chemical dependency nursing enhances the knowledge, qualifications, and other aspects of professional growth of chemical dependency nurses;

Whereas chemical dependency nursing meets the standards and professional concerns of the relevant professions and professional organizations;

Whereas chemical dependency nurses across the country treat patients, keep informed about new developments in the field of chemical dependency nursing, and continue their educations regarding appropriate treatment of chemically dependent individuals; and

Whereas chemical dependency nurses continually demonstrate a commitment to and expertise in the delivery of care to chemically dependent individuals: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the week beginning October 2, 1994, is designated
- 4 as “Chemical Dependency Nurses Week”, and the Presi-
- 5 dent is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation
- 6 calling on the people of the United States to observe the
- 7 week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

